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Non-Newtonian fluid flow in an axisymmetric channel with porous wall



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Abstract In the present article Optimal Homotopy Asymptotic Method (OHAM) is used to obtain the solutions of momentum and heat transfer equations of non-Newtonian fluid flow in an axisymmetric channel with porous wall for turbine cooling applications. Numerical method is used for validity of this analytical method and excellent agreement is observed between the solutions obtained from OHAM and numerical results. Trusting to this validity, effects of some other parameters are discussed. The results show that Nusselt number increases with increase of Reynolds number, Prandtl number and power law index.

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1. Introduction

The problem of non-Newtonian fluid flow has been under a lot of attention in recent years because of its various applications in different fields of engineering specially the

interest in heat transfer problems of non-Newtonian fluid flow, such as hot rolling, lubrication, cooling problems and drag reduction. Deburge and Han [1] studied a problem concerning heat transfer in channel flow. Natural convection of a non-Newtonian copper-water nanofluid was investigated by Domairry et al. [2]. They conclude that as the nanoparticle volume fraction increases, the momentum boundary layer thickness increases, whereas the thermal boundary layer thickness decreases. Sheikholeslami et al. [3] studied the problem of natural convection between a circular enclosure and a sinusoidal cylinder. They concluded that streamlines, isotherms, and the number, size and formation of the cells inside the enclosure strongly depend on the Rayleigh number, values of amplitude and the

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Nomenclature

A, B	symmetric kinematic matrices
C	specific heat
C_n	blade-wall temperature coefficients
$\delta v_m / \delta x_n$	velocity gradients
$\delta a_m / \delta x_n$	acceleration gradients
x_k	general coordinates
f	velocity function
\bar{k}	fluid thermal conductivity
n	power law index in temperature distribution
Re	injection Reynolds number
K_r	rotation parameter
p	fluid pressure
Pr	Prandtl number

T	temperature
$q_n(\eta)$	temperature function
V	injection velocity
u_r, u_z	velocity components in r, z directions, respectively

Greek letters

ϕ_k	viscosity coefficients
φ	dissipation function
η	dimension less coordinates in z direction
ρ	fluid density
τ_{ij}	stress tensor component
ψ	stream function

number of undulations of the enclosure. Sheikholeslami et al. [4] performed a numerical study to investigate natural convection in a square cavity with curve boundaries filled with Cu-water nanofluid. Their results proved that the change of inclination angle has a significant impact on the thermal and hydrodynamic flow fields. Recently several authors investigated about natural convection heat transfer [5–22].

In the heart of all different engineering sciences, everything shows itself in the mathematical relation that most of these problems and phenomena are modeled by ordinary or partial differential equations. In most cases, scientific problems are inherently of nonlinearity that does not admit analytical solution, so these equations should be solved using special techniques. Some of them are solved using numerical techniques [23] and some are solved using the analytical method of perturbation [24]. In the numerical method, stability and convergence should be considered so as to avoid divergence or inappropriate results. In the analytical perturbation method, the small parameter is exerted to the equation. Since there are some limitations with the common perturbation method, and also because the basis of the common perturbation method is upon the existence of a small parameter, developing the method for different applications is very difficult. Therefore, some different methods have recently introduced some ways to eliminate the small parameter, such as the Homotopy Perturbation Method [25–27], Differential Transformation Method [28] and Homotopy Analysis Method [29] and some researchers applied these methods for engineering problems [30–32]. Optimal Homotopy Asymptotic Method (OHAM) is the other method and stronger method for solving nonlinear problems without depending to the small parameter. This method is developed and examined by some authors [33–35].

In this study, OHAM is applied to find the approximate solutions of nonlinear differential equations governing non-Newtonian fluid flow in an axisymmetric channel with a porous wall for turbine cooling applications and have made a comparison with the numerical solution. Results are given for the velocity and temperature for various values of Reynolds number, Prandtl number and power law index.

2. Mathematical formulation**2.1. Flow analysis**

This study is concerned with simultaneous development of flow and heat transfer for non-Newtonian viscoelastic fluid flow on the turbine disc for cooling purposes. The problem to be considered is depicted schematically in Figure 1. The r -axis is parallel to the surface of disk and the z -axis is normal to it. The porous disc of the channel is at $z = +L$. The wall that coincides with the r -axis is heated externally and from the other perforated wall non-Newtonian fluid is injected uniformly in order to cool the heated wall.

As can be observed in Figure 1 the cooling problem of the disk can be considered as a stagnation point flow with injection. For a steady, ax symmetric, non-Newtonian fluid flow the following equations can be written in cylindrical coordinates.

The continuity equation:

$$\frac{\partial(ru_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial(ru_z)}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (1)$$

And the momentum equations:

$$u_r \frac{\partial(u_r)}{\partial r} + u_z \frac{\partial(u_r)}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{\rho} \left[\frac{\partial \tau_{rr}}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} (\tau_{rr} - \tau_{\theta\theta}) + \frac{\partial \tau_{rz}}{\partial z} \right] \quad (2)$$

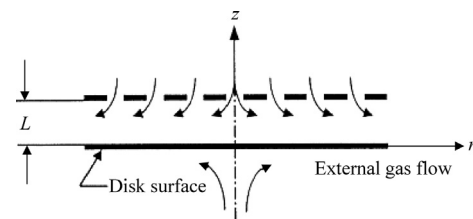


Figure 1 Schematic diagram of the physical system.

$$u_r \frac{\partial(u_z)}{\partial r} + u_z \frac{\partial(u_z)}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{\rho} \left[\frac{\partial \tau_{rz}}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \tau_{rz} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zz}}{\partial z} \right] \quad (3)$$

Here τ_{rr} , τ_{rz} , τ_{zr} , τ_{zz} are the components of stress matrix. The analytical model under consideration leads to the following boundary conditions:

$$@z = 0 \quad u_r = u_z = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$@z = L \quad u_r = 0, \quad u_z = -V \quad (5)$$

Here u_r , u_z are the velocity components in the r and z directions and V is the injection velocity; ρ , P are the density, pressure. For particular class of viscoelastic and viscoinelastic fluids Rivlin [36] showed that if the stress components τ_{ij} at a point x_k ($k = 1, 2, 3$) and time t are assumed to be polynomials in the velocity gradient $\frac{\delta v_m}{\delta x_n}$ ($m, n = 1, 2, 3$) and the acceleration gradients $\frac{\delta a_m}{\delta x_n}$ ($m, n = 1, 2, 3$), and if in addition the medium is assumed to be isotropic the stress matrix can be expressed in the form

$$\|\tau_{ij}\| = \phi_0 \mathbf{I} + \phi_1 \mathbf{A} + \phi_2 \mathbf{B} + \phi_3 \mathbf{A}^2 + \dots \quad (6)$$

Here \mathbf{I} is the unit matrices, \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are symmetric kinematic matrices defined by:

$$\mathbf{A} = \left\| \frac{\delta v_i}{\delta x_j} + \frac{\delta v_j}{\delta x_i} \right\|, \quad \mathbf{B} = \left\| \frac{\delta a_i}{\delta x_j} + \frac{\delta a_j}{\delta x_i} + 2 \frac{\delta v_m}{\delta x_i} \frac{\delta v_m}{\delta x_j} \right\| \quad (7)$$

And ϕ_k ($k = 0, 1, 2, 3$) are polynomials in the invariants of \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} , \mathbf{A}^2 . This study is restricted to second order fluids for which ϕ_k ($k = 0, 1, 2, 3$) are constant and ϕ_k ($k = 4, 5, \dots$) are zero. So that the stress components are as follows:

$$\tau_{rr} = \phi_1 A_{rr} + \phi_2 A_{rr}^2 + \phi_3 B_{rr} \quad (8)$$

$$\tau_{zz} = \phi_1 A_{zz} + \phi_2 A_{zz}^2 + \phi_3 B_{zz} \quad (9)$$

$$\tau_{\theta\theta} = \phi_1 A_{\theta\theta} + \phi_2 A_{\theta\theta}^2 + \phi_3 B_{\theta\theta} \quad (10)$$

$$\tau_{rz} = \phi_1 A_{rz} + \phi_2 A_{rz}^2 + \phi_3 B_{rz} \quad (11)$$

For the solution of the problem depicted in Figure 1 in the case of axially symmetric flow it is convenient to define a stream function so that the continuity equation is satisfied:

$$\psi = Vr^2 f(\eta) \quad (12)$$

where $\eta = z/L$ and the velocity components can be derived as:

$$u_r = \frac{Vr}{L} f'(\eta) \quad (13)$$

$$u_z = -2Vf(\eta) \quad (14)$$

Using Eqs. (12)–(14) the equations of motion reduce to:

$$f'^2 - 2ff'' = -\frac{L^2}{\rho V^2 r} \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} + \frac{\phi_1}{\rho VL} f''' + \frac{\phi_2}{\rho L^2} (f''^2 - 2f'f''') + \frac{\phi_3}{\rho L^2} (f''^2 - 2ff^{iv}) \quad (15)$$

$$4ff' = -\frac{L^2}{\rho V^2} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - 2\frac{\phi_1}{\rho VL} f'' + 2\frac{\phi_2}{\rho L^2} \left(14f'f'' + \frac{r^2}{L} f''f''' \right) + 4\frac{\phi_3}{\rho L^2} \left(11f'f'' + ff''' + \frac{r^2}{L} f''f''' \right) \quad (16)$$

The pressure term can be eliminated by differentiating Eq. (15) with respect to z and Eq. (16) with respect to r and subtracting the resulting equations. This gives the following equations:

$$-2ff''' = \frac{f^{iv}}{Re} - K_1 (4f''f''' + 2f'f^{iv}) - K_2 (4f''f''' + 2f'f^{iv} + 2ff^{vv}) \quad (17)$$

where $K_1 = \frac{\phi_2}{\rho L^2}$, $K_2 = \frac{\phi_3}{\rho L^2}$ is the injection Reynolds number.

For $K_2 = 0$, the equation turned to:

$$f^{iv} + 2Re ff''' - K_1 Re (4f''f''' + 2f'f^{iv}) = 0 \quad (18)$$

The boundary conditions are:

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= 0, \quad f'(0) = 0, \\ f(1) &= 1, \quad f'(1) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

2.2. Heat transfer analysis

The energy equation for the present problem with viscous dissipation in non-dimensional form is given:

$$\rho C \left(u_r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + u_z \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) = \bar{k} \nabla^2 T + \varphi \quad (20)$$

$$\varphi = \tau_{rr} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} + \tau_{\theta\theta} \frac{u_r}{r} + \tau_{zz} \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} + \tau_{rz} \left(\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} \right) \quad (21)$$

Here u_r , u_z are the velocity components in the r and z directions and V is the injection velocity; ρ , P , T , C , \bar{k} are the density, pressure, temperature, specific heat, and heat conduction coefficient of fluid, respectively. φ is the dissipation function.

Letting the blade wall ($z=0$) temperature distribution be

$$T_w = T_0 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n (r/L)^n$$

And assuming the fluid temperature to have the form of [1]

$$T = T_0 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^n q_n(\eta) \quad (22)$$

where T_0 is the temperature of the incoming coolant ($z=L$) and neglecting dissipation effect the following equations and boundary conditions are obtained:

$$q_n'' - Pr Re(f' q_n - 2f q_n') = 0, \quad (n=0, 2, 3, 4, \dots) \quad (23)$$

$$q_n(0) = 1, \quad q_n(1) = 0. \quad (24)$$

3. Fundamentals of Optimal Homotopy Asymptotic Method

Following differential equation is considered:

$$L(u(t)) + N(u(t)) + g(t) = 0, \quad B(u) = 0 \quad (25)$$

where L is a linear operator, τ is an independent variable, $u(t)$ is an unknown function, $g(t)$ is a known function, $N(u(t))$ is a nonlinear operator and B is a boundary operator. By means of OHAM one first constructs a set of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} (1-p)[L(\phi(\tau, p)) + g(\tau)] - H(p)[L(\phi(\tau, p)) \\ + g(\tau) + N(\phi(\tau, p))] = 0 \\ B(\phi(\tau, p)) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

where $p \in [0, 1]$ is an embedding parameter, $H(p)$ denotes a nonzero auxiliary function for $p \neq 0$ and $H(0) = 0$, $\phi(\tau, p)$ is an unknown function. Obviously, when $p = 0$ and $p = 1$, it holds that:

$$\phi(\tau, 0) = u_0(\tau), \quad \phi(\tau, 1) = u(\tau). \quad (27)$$

Thus, as p increases from 0 to 1, the solution $\phi(\tau, p)$ varies from $u_0(\tau)$ to the solution $u(\tau)$, where $u_0(\tau)$ is obtained from Eq. (2) for $p = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} L(u_0(\tau)) + g(\tau) = 0, \\ B(u_0) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

We choose the auxiliary function $H(p)$ in the form:

$$H(p) = pC_1 + p^2C_2 + \dots \quad (29)$$

where C_1, C_2, \dots are constants which can be determined later.

Expanding $\phi(\tau, p)$ in a series with respect to p , one has:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\tau, p, C_i) = u_0(\tau) + \sum_{k \geq 1} u_k(\tau, C_i) p_k, \\ i = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Substituting Eq. (30) into Eq. (26), collecting the same powers of p , and equating each coefficient of p to zero, we obtain set of differential equation with boundary conditions. Solving differential equations by boundary conditions $u_0(\tau)$, $u_1(\tau, C_1)$, $u_2(\tau, C_2)$, ... are obtained. Generally speaking, the solution of Eq. (1) can be determined approximately in the form:

$$\tilde{u}^{(m)} = u_0(\tau) + \sum_{k=1}^m u_k(\tau, C_i). \quad (31)$$

Note that the last coefficient C_m can be function of τ . Substituting Eq. (31) into Eq. (25), there results the following residual:

$$R(\tau, C_i) = L(\tilde{u}^{(m)}(\tau, C_i)) + g(\tau) + N(\tilde{u}^{(m)}(\tau, C_i)). \quad (32)$$

If $R(\tau, C_i) = 0$ then $\tilde{u}^{(m)}(\tau, C_i)$ happens to be the exact solution. Generally such a case will not arise for nonlinear problems, but we can minimize the functional:

$$J(C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n) = \int_a^b R^2(\tau, C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m) d\tau, \quad (33)$$

where a and b are two values, depending on the given problem. The unknown constants $C_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ can be identified from the conditions:

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial C_1} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial C_2} = \dots = 0. \quad (34)$$

With these constants, the approximate solution (of order m) (Eq. (31)) is well determined. It can be observed that the method proposed in this work generalizes these two methods using the special (more general) auxiliary function $H(p)$.

4. Solution with Optimal Homotopy Asymptotic Method

In this section, OHAM is applied to nonlinear ordinary differential Eqs. (18) and (23). According to the OHAM, applying Eqs. (26) to (18) and (23):

$$\begin{aligned} f^{iv} + 2Reff''' - K_1 Re(4f''f''' + 2f'f^{iv}) = 0, \\ q_n'' - Pr Re(f' q_n - 2f q_n') = 0, \\ (n = 0, 2, 3, 4, \dots) \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

where primes denote differentiation with respect to η . We consider f , q_n , $H_1(p)$ and $H_2(p)$ as following:

$$\begin{aligned} f = f_0 + pf_1 + p^2f_2, \\ q_n = q_{n0} + pq_{n1} + p^2q_{n2}, \\ H_1(p) = pC_{11} + p^2C_{12}, \\ H_2(p) = pC_{21} + p^2C_{22}. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

Substituting f , q_n , $H_1(p)$ and $H_2(p)$ from Eq. (36) into Eq. (35) and some simplification and rearranging based on

powers of p -terms, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} p^0: \quad & f^{IV} = 0, \\ & q_n'' = 0, \\ & f_0(0) = 0, \quad f_0'(0) = 0, \\ & f_0(1) = 1, \quad f_0'(1) = 0, \\ & q_{n_0}(0) = 1, \quad q_{n_0}(1) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p^1: \quad & f_1^{IV} + C_{11} f_0^{IV} + 2C_{11} Re f_0 f_0''' \\ & - 4C_{11} K_1 Re f_0'' f_0''' \\ & - 2C_{11} K_1 Re f_0^{IV} f_0' - f_0^{IV} = 0, \\ & 2C_{21} Re Pr q_{n_0}' \\ & - C_{21} Re Pr n f_0' q_{n_0} + q_{n_1}'' \\ & + C_{21} q_{n_0}'' - q_{n_0}'' = 0, \\ & f_1(0) = 0, \quad f_1'(0) = 0, \\ & f_1(1) = 0, \quad f_1'(1) = 0, \\ & q_{n_1}(0) = 0, \quad q_{n_1}(1) = 0, \\ & \vdots \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

Solving Eqs. (37) and (38) with boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(\eta) &= -2\eta^3 + 3\eta^2, \\ q_{n_0}(\eta) &= -\eta + 1, \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(\eta) &= C_{11} Re(-0.05714285714\eta^7 + 0.2\eta^6 \\ & + 4.8n\eta^5 - 12n\eta^4 - 0.5142857144\eta^3 \\ & + 9.6n\eta^3), \\ q_{n_1}(\eta) &= C_{21} Pr Re(0.3n\eta^5 - n\eta^4 + n\eta^3 \\ & + \eta^2 - 0.3n\eta - \eta), \\ & \vdots \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

The terms $f_2(\eta)$ and $q_{n_2}(\eta)$ are mentioned graphically because they are too long. Therefore final expression for $f(\eta)$ and $q_n(\eta)$ are:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\eta) &= f_0(\eta) + f_1(\eta) + f_2(\eta), \\ q_n(\eta) &= q_{n_0}(\eta) + q_{n_1}(\eta) + q_{n_2}(\eta). \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

From Eq. (32) by Substituting $f(\eta)$ and $q_n(\eta)$ into Eq. (41), $R_1(\eta, C_{11}, C_{12})$ and $R_2(\eta, C_{21}, C_{22})$ are obtained and J_1 and J_2 are obtained in the flowing manner:

$$\begin{aligned} J_1(C_{11}, C_{12}) &= \int_0^\infty R_1^2(\eta, C_{11}, C_{12}) d\eta, \\ J_2(C_{21}, C_{22}) &= \int_0^\infty R_2^2(\eta, C_{21}, C_{22}) d\eta. \end{aligned}$$

The constants C_{11} , C_{12} , C_{21} and C_{22} obtain from Eq. (42). In the particular cases:

$$Pr = 1, K_1 = 0.01, n = 0 \text{ and } Re = 0.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} &= 1.09935, C_{12} = -0.0167296, \\ C_{21} &= 1.08018, C_{22} = -0.0572104. \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

By substituting Eqs. (42) into (41), an expression for $f(\eta)$ and $q_n(\eta)$ are obtained.

5. Results and discussion

The objective of the present study is to apply Optimal Homotopy Asymptotic Method to obtain an explicit analytical solution of heat transfer equation of a non-Newtonian fluid flow in an axisymmetric channel with a porous wall for turbine cooling applications (Figure 1).

Validity of Optimal Homotopy Asymptotic Method is shown in Table 1 and Figure 2. Excellent agreement between numerical solution obtained by four-order Runge-Kutta method and analytical solution is obvious in Table 1 and this figure too. In Table 1, error is introduced as follows: Error = $|f(\eta)_{NM} - f(\eta)_{OHAM}|$.

This accuracy gives high confidence to us about validity of this problem and reveals an excellent agreement of engineering accuracy. This investigation is completed by depicting the effects of some important parameters to evaluate how these parameters influence on this fluid. The velocities $f(\eta)$ and $f'(\eta)$, and temperature $q_n(\eta)$ profiles for various parameters Re , Pr , K_1 and n are illustrated in Figures 3–5.

As seen in Figure 3 for constant value of K_1 velocity profile increases as Reynolds number increases. At low Reynolds numbers the velocity profile exhibit center line symmetry indicating a poissuille flow for non-Newtonian fluids. At higher Reynolds numbers the maximum velocity point is shift to the solid wall where shear stress becomes larger as the Reynolds number grows. Since $f''(0)$ is measure of friction force, it is advisable to use viscoelastic fluids as a coolant fluid at least for industrial gas turbine engines. Figure 4 shows the variation $f''(0)$ for different

Table 1 Comparison between numerical results and OHAM solution at $Re = 0.5$, $K_1 = 0.01$, $Pr = 1$, $n = 0$.

η	f	q_n
	Error	Error
0	0	0
0.1	0.0000053	0.00000014
0.2	0.0000091	0.00000013
0.3	0.0000104	0.00000011
0.4	0.0000090	0.00000005
0.5	0.0000058	0.00000017
0.6	0.0000021	0.00000036
0.7	0.00000045	0.00000052
0.8	0.0000012	0.00000052
0.9	0.00000057	0.00000026
1	0	0

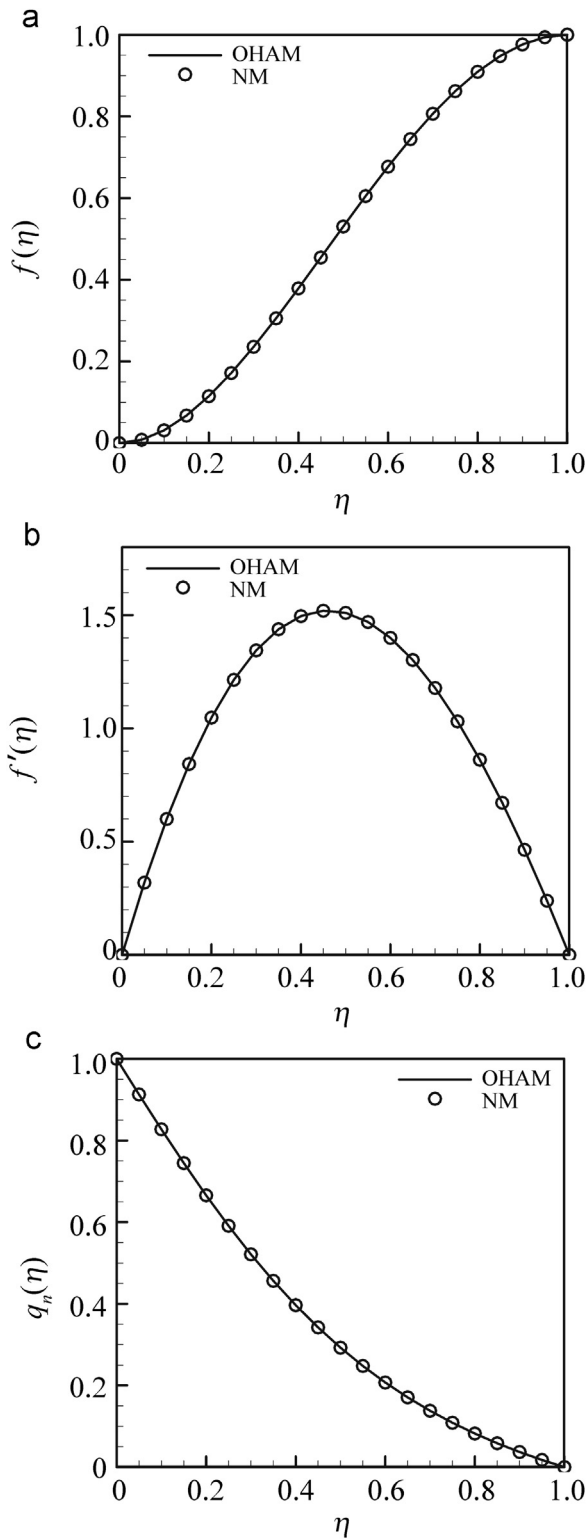


Figure 2 Comparison between the solutions via OHAM and numerical solution for (a) $f(\eta)$, (b) $f'(\eta)$ and (c) $q_n(\eta)$, when $K_1 = 0.01$, $Pr = 1$, $n = 2$ and $Re = 1$.

values of K_1 and Reynolds number. One can observe that for constant values of K_1 , $f''(0)$ increase with increase of value of Re , especially at high Reynolds numbers.

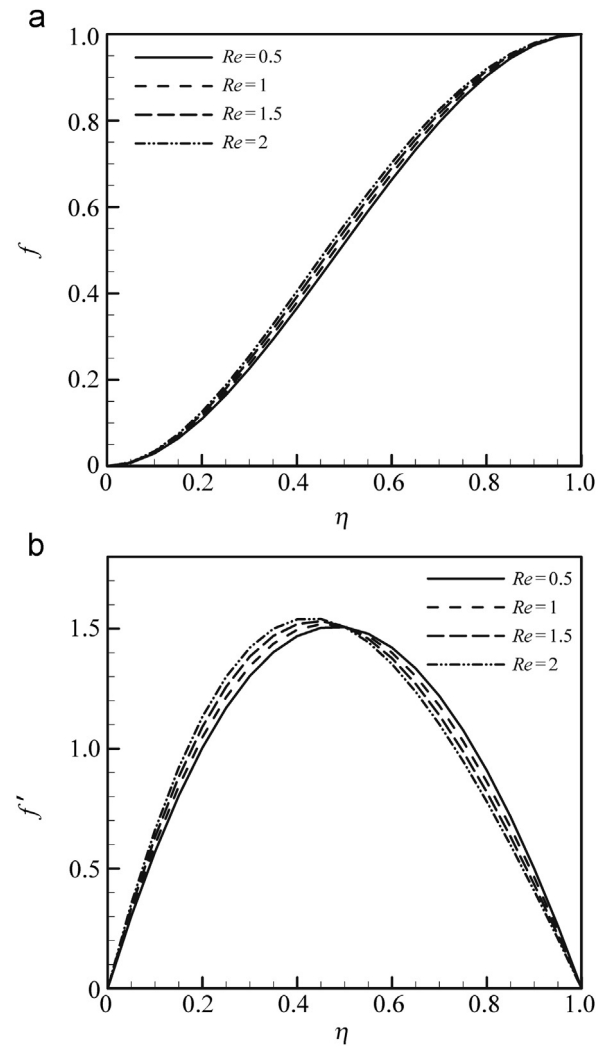


Figure 3 Velocity component profile (a) f , (b) f' for variable Re at $K_1 = 0.01$.

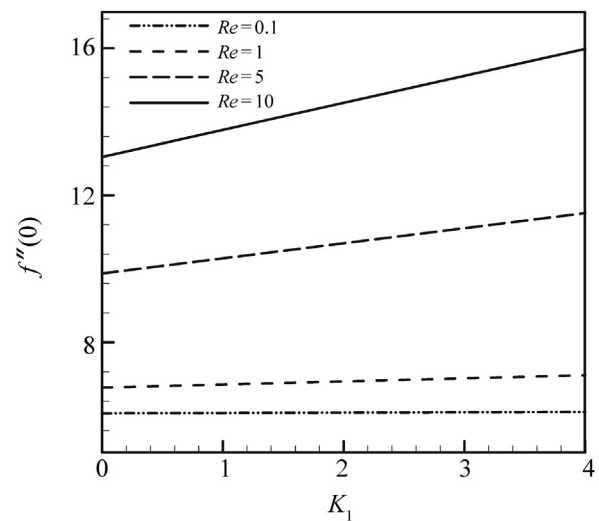


Figure 4 Skin friction under the effect of K_1 and Re .

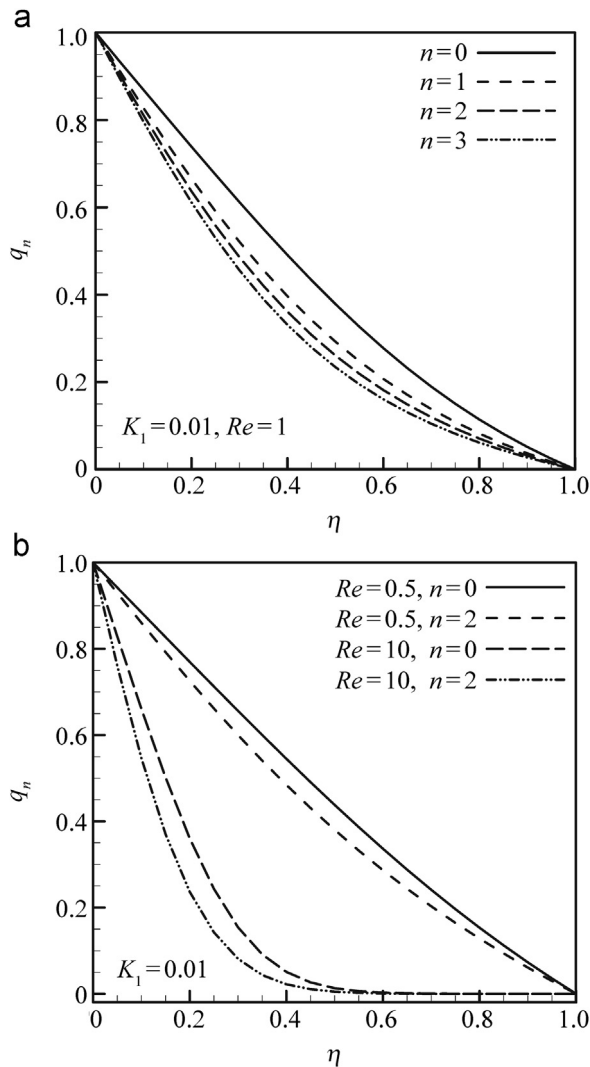


Figure 5 Temperature profile (q_n) (a) for variable n at $K_1 = 0.01$, $Re = 1$ and (b) at $K_1 = 0.01$.

In Figure 5 temperature profile for different values of power law index (n) and Reynolds number are shown. It shows that for constant value of η temperature increases if power law index decreases. Also it shows that increasing Reynolds number leads to increase the curve of temperature profile and decrease of $q_n(\eta)$ values. Figure 6 illustrates how Nusselt number ($Nu = -q'_n(0)$) can be changed with various amount of Re , Pr , n . It shows that Nusselt number increases with increase of Reynolds number, Prandtl number and power law index.

6. Conclusion

In this paper, OHAM is applied to solve the problem of non-Newtonian fluid flow in an axisymmetric channel with a porous wall for turbine cooling applications. Complementary numerical solutions were obtained via fourth grade order Rung-Kutta and very excellent agreement between the

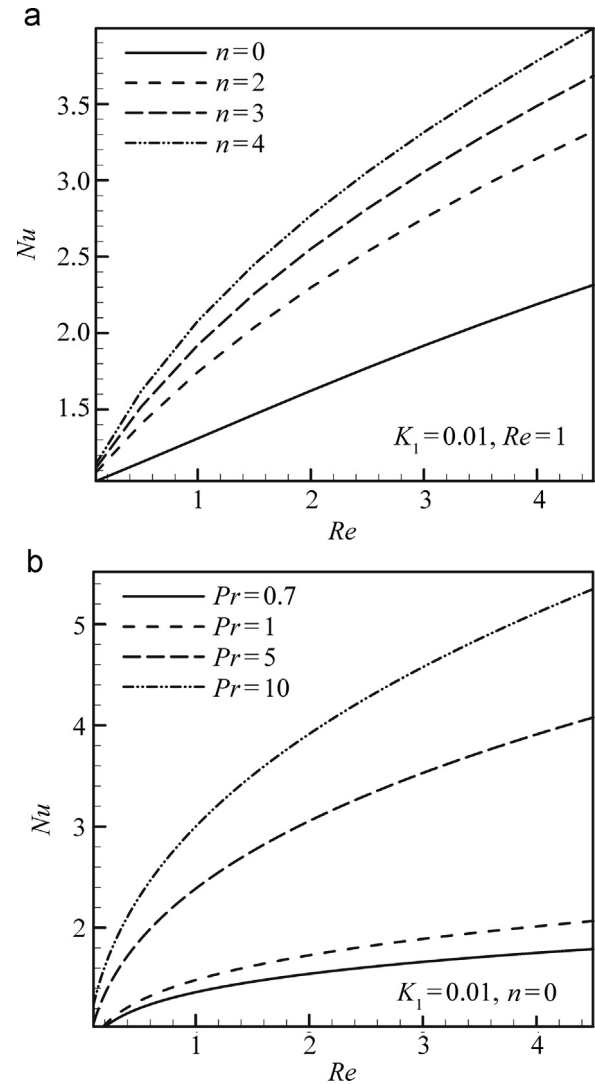


Figure 6 Nusselt number (a) for variable n at $K_1 = 0.01$, $Re = 1$ and (b) for variable Re at $K_1 = 0.01$, $n = 0$.

solutions obtained from OHAM. The results show that the increment in the Reynolds number has similar effects on velocity components, both of them increases with increase of Reynolds number. At higher Reynolds numbers the maximum velocity point is shift to the solid wall where shear stress becomes larger as the Reynolds number grows. Increment in skin friction is the effect of Reynolds number increment, especially at high Reynolds numbers. Increasing Reynolds number, Prandtl number and power law index leads to increase in Nusselt number.

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